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Steel Mills Gain, Chicago Plant Reopens

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men, including one policeman, were injured. None of the disturbances involved more than a few men. With the closing down of the River-side plant of the Otis Steel Mills Company and that of the Union Rolling Mills Company, the Empire Rolling Mills Company is the only one operating. The Otis plant was closed "out of consideration for the personal safety of the employees," a company statement declares. The closing of the Union Mills plant resulted from a walkout. The by-product coke plant of the Smet-Solvay Company was shut down as a result of the banking of the blast furnaces of the Cleveland Furnace Company.

Fred G. Keightley, secretary of the United Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, arrived here today from Pittsburgh to take charge of the situation arising out of the striking of members in violation of agreement. According to word received from President M. F. Tighe, the Grand Lodge leaders to revoke the charter of the local which struck.

"Iron Age" Calls for Exposure of Foster's "Dammable Doctrines"

The "Iron Age," which has been devoting much space to exposing the radical doctrines preached by William Z. Foster, secretary of the strike committee, sent the following telegram yesterday to the Washington representative:

"Please say to Senator Kenyon: 'If your committee will expose more fully than we have been able to do the "damnable" un-American leadership of the present steel strike, it will render the country the highest service. We suggest that you call Gompers, with a request that he bring Foster's red book into his hands by "The Iron Age," and ask him why he did not try to stop the strike. Also that you call Foster and question him about the damnable doctrines which he advocated in the red book. Also T. J. Vind, general organizer of the American Federation of Labor, Chicago, and question him about the actual speeches he has been making."

Trooper's Horse Holds Striker by Her Teeth

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 24.—In an encounter between the constabulary and a small mob in Homestead yesterday, the mount of State Trooper John A. Thorpe played an important part. Thorpe had arrested two members of the mob but while he was putting handcuffs on one of them the other started to run. Thorpe completed the handcuffing operation, buttoned on the prisoner's coat and, gathering a fold of it in his hand, inserted it in the striker's mouth with instructions to "Hold this guy, while I get the other one."

It took Thorpe ten minutes to get the escaped prisoner, but when he came back Lizzie was still holding her man.

Strikers at Buffalo Appeal to Governor Against "Hired Agents"

BUFFALO, Sept. 24.—Leaders of the striking steel workers in the Buffalo district said after a conference today that Governor Smith would be asked to order an investigation of yesterday's riot in Lackawanna, in which one striker was shot dead and four persons were wounded by shots fired by plant guards.

Henry Streifer, general chairman of the strike committee, charged that the steel company "through hired detectives incited the Lackawanna riots for

the purpose of bringing in the State Constabulary and breaking the ranks of the strikers." Streifer gave out a copy of a letter which he sent to city and state officials on Monday warning them that "hired agents of the steel company would incite rioting."

Lackawanna was calm to-day, with seventy state troopers patrolling the streets and breaking up all assemblages of strikers. One striker was clubbed and arrested by a state trooper after it is alleged, he had thrown a beer case at the mounted policeman, but otherwise there was no disorder. Not a man entered or left the steel plant to-day, and the company's private policemen remained inside the fence.

Youngstown Strike Swelled by Walk-Out Of 500 Fabricators

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Sept. 24.—Five hundred steel fabricators walked out at the plant of the Youngstown Pressed Steel Company to-day, forcing the plant to shut down.

The walkout was in sympathy with the steel workers on strike here. Saying that the men had no grievances, company officials refused further to discuss the matter, other than to state that they would not attempt to operate the plant until the men decided to come back.

Rumors that officials of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company were dickering with the steel union officials regarding an agreement were prevalent to-day, but neither officials of the company nor union officials would discuss it.

Will Use an Aeroplane Mayor Craver Has Accepted the Offer of an Aeroplane from the Youngstown Aero Club and will press the machine into service as an adjunct to the Police Department. It will hover over the steel plants nightly, keeping close touch on any unusual gatherings about the mills.

J. E. McCadden, Youngstown district organizer for the iron and steel workers, and who is in active charge of the strike in this district, left to-night for Pittsburgh to attend a meeting of the executive committee of the American Federation of Labor. He took with him what he declares will be the best report of conditions that will be turned in at the meeting.

"Of all the striking districts in the country, the Youngstown district is the only one which is completely tied up," declared McCadden.

"Absolutely Nothing Doing"

"In all of the rest of some of the mills are struggling along, but here there is absolutely nothing doing. We are going to keep it so."

The claim was made to-day at union headquarters that the companies were sending out some of their own men under the guise of organizers and addressing the strikers in foreign tongues.

"The manufacturers had at least one man that I know of who addressed the workers in a foreign tongue," said S. T. Hammersmark, of the A. F. of L. "We do not propose to stand for this. I have instructed our men to send any one to the hospital if they find him playing the manufacturers' game this way."

Japan Has Strike Panacea

TOKYO, Sept. 24.—By The Associated Press.—The alertness of the Japanese in attacking new world problems is shown in the quick formation here of "The Capital and Labor Cooperative Society," which is designed to forestall and compromise labor troubles.

The leaders of the movement have decided that when laborers strike and employers fight, the ones who suffer most and pay the bill are the commoners. Hence the new society formed by such men as Premier Hara, Prince Tokugawa, president of the House of Peers; Viscount Kiyoura, Baron Shibusawa and others.

Capitalists will raise an organization fund the equivalent of \$5,000,000 and the work will be carried on with the yearly income.

Only 30,000 of 4,000,000 Soldiers Now Without Jobs

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—Of the 4,000,000 men in the military service at the close of hostilities for whom it was necessary to find civil employment, there remain now only from 20,000 to 30,000, according to best figures obtainable by the government. Hence the new society formed by the normal labor turnover, it is stated, and it was this situation which prompted Colonel Arthur Woods, special assistant to Secretary Baker, to resign as his work in getting employment for former soldiers was practically completed.

Available figures indicate approximately 50 per cent of the discharged men were taken back by former employers.

California City Threatened As Wind Brings Forest Fire

PLACERVILLE, Cal., Sept. 24.—Placerville was threatened again with destruction by forest fires this afternoon when the wind shifted. All business establishments closed and every able-bodied man was called out to fight the fires, a mile away. Ashes fell in the city.

Lone Trooper Dispersing Strikers



Mounted officer dispersing a crowd of steel strikers in South Pittsburgh.

Governor of Pennsylvania Backs Troops

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prevention and punishment under our laws.

Will Deal With Invasion

"Information has come to us that efforts are being made by dangerous and evil disposed persons at points in other states near our boundaries to collect armed mobs to come across the state line to overpower our municipal authorities and to attack our citizens and destroy their property. If any such attempts are made we shall be compelled to regard these mobs as armed invaders of Pennsylvania and we shall deal with them as such.

"I count upon your counsel and influence to discourage such attempts and to aid us in every way that you can against those who would by intemperate speech inflame people to criminal actions.

"Our interest in the struggle in which you are engaged is in the maintenance of law and order, the protection of your rights and those of all our people, citizens and sojourners alike, who live within our laws. Durable, who live within our laws, must have been impressed with the fact that our people are law-abiding, and while they have absolute consideration for the rights of others they are earnest, indeed, in the protection of their own rights and the good name of the Commonwealth of which they are a part.

"This is the spirit of the people of Pennsylvania, and as Governor of this state I shall see to it that their laws are faithfully executed, their rights protected and their institutions upheld."

—WILLIAM C. SProuT.

"Governor of Pennsylvania"

At the Capitol it was explained to-night that by "armed mobs" the Governor likely had in mind reports that steel workers from Youngstown, Ohio, were preparing to march over the state line into Farrell, Penn., a town in the Pittsburgh steel industrial region, for the declared purpose of holding a mass meeting in the Pennsylvania town.

Rainbow Seekers Blamed For Unrest by Lane

Secretary of the Interior Says Unity of Wartime Morale Has Been Broken

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—People who "continue to believe that there is a bag of gold at the end of the rainbow" are largely responsible for industrial and social unrest in America and other countries, Secretary Lane declared to-day in an address before the annual convention of the Association of American Secretaries of State.

"These folks," said Mr. Lane, "won't take the word of experienced men all down the road of history that there is no magical way to happiness. Work alone finds the way. Work is the salvation, materially and spiritually.

"Our war morale has not been maintained. We have not the unity of purpose that prevailed then. We lack a common purpose, we Americans, though we are just as loyal, just as idealistic.

"We can adopt an aggressive, constructive programme for America. Let us all work to make this country a

Steel Rioter Caught "With the Goods"



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Gompers Holds Gary to Blame For Big Strike

Tells Senators Men Had No Other Recourse, and Companies Are Using "Crook Detectives" as Murderers

New York Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, testifying to-day before the Interstate Commerce Committee of the Senate at a hearing on the Cummins bill for the return of the railroads, blamed Judge E. H. Gary, head of the United States Steel Corporation, for the steel strike.

Mr. Gompers declared that the steel workers had no alternative but to strike when Judge Gary refused to confer with their representatives.

He asserted that conditions in the districts where the United States Steel mills are located were "horrible," and that "murders, assaults and arrests" had been committed against the workers by "detective crooks" employed by the Steel Corporation.

Mr. Gompers, in reply to questions asked by Senator Smith, of South Carolina, said that the right to say what wages workers shall give their services for and under what conditions they shall work belongs to organized labor. He continued:

Calls Strike Only Recourse

"If employers take the arbitrary attitude that there is nothing to arbitrate or talk over, then the workers have no recourse but to strike.

"An instance of that is in the strike now going on. Representatives of the steel workers asked for a conference with the head of the United States Steel Corporation in order to lay their grievances before the company. Mr. Gary up to this time has given no answer to the request of the men for a conference.

"I was in hopes that the strike might be deferred until after the night conference which President Wilson has called for October. But if you knew the conditions that prevailed in the districts controlled by the United States Steel Corporation you would be horrified.

"There were murders, assaults, arrests and the prohibition of men holding meetings in lots that were not owned by the company. The meetings were dispersed by thugs and detective crooks employed by the company. A woman was murdered a couple of weeks ago in McKeesport in cold blood. Men were arrested at these meetings and imprisoned without bail, although some of them offered bail as high as \$3,000, and none was permitted to communicate with friends or lawyers. The man who was charged with the murder of the innocent woman was freed on \$2,500 bail. He was a detective employed by the company."

Plans Laid for Inquiry

While Mr. Gompers was testifying before the Senate committee, Senator Kenyon, chairman of the Senate Committee on Education and Labor, proceeded with plans for investigating the strike, and Senator Thomas (Democrat, of Colorado), in the Senate charged that the steel workers had planned the strike for a long time, and that they walked out "on the flimsiest kind of an excuse" in order to "strike for power."

John Fitzpatrick, national chairman of the steel workers' organization, wired Senator Kenyon to-day that he will appear before the Senate committee

Defends Right to Strike

Mr. Gompers spent the entire day defending organized labor's right to strike before Senate committees. His principal testimony was given before the Interstate Commerce Committee at the hearing on the Cummins railroad bill.

Senator Underwood, of Alabama, told Mr. Gompers that Congress has a great fear of a universal strike of railroad employees "that would tie up the transportation systems of the country and starve the American people within ninety days."

"Is there any way," he asked, "that this debate can be prevented other than by Congress acting?"

"That is not the way," Mr. Gompers replied. "Let the great railroad brotherhoods handle the problem. Don't remove their sphere of influence. They will tie you over. They will see to it that the great dinner that you see will not happen."

Mr. Gompers said that organized labor would not accept any compromise or the compulsory arbitration and prohibition of strike provisions of the Cummins bill.

"To have them in any form would encourage the forces that seek to hinder," said Mr. Gompers. "This war has changed the world. There has grown up in the world such a feeling of unrest and discontent that even democracy is sneered at as a pretense of the possessing classes of the world, and that only by force and direct action can the rights of labor be secured. This is expressed by the Bolshevism in Russia and the propaganda of Bolshevism for a soviet government in many parts of the world, including our own country."

There were many converts to Bolshevism in the ranks of organized labor, he said, but the labor organizations, which had been teaching Americanism to foreign-born workers, had been able to check its growth.

"Strike as Serious as Treaty"

Senator Thomas, discussing the steel strike in the Senate, said that it was "quite as serious in its consequences as the peace treaty," he said, "is not a move suddenly sprung upon the nation, nor suddenly conceived. It has been threatened for a period antedating our entry into the war, and it was understood that it would occur when the conditions became favorable."

"It was stated last September that it would be a strike for power. The leaders of the strike propose to force their will on the great industries, so that it will lead to a recognition of the closed shop."

"I regret the refusal of Judge Gary to meet the men. It hurts nobody to talk over anything. But he didn't see fit to do so, and because he didn't strike was ended, and called as a strike for power to check its growth. If the workers had not found the excuse they did, they would have found some other. It claims that, from conditions as they have developed in the last ten days, the principal object in calling this strike at this time was to so disturb and bedevil industrial conditions in the United States as to force the hand of the President at the forthcoming labor conference and force him to yield to extreme demands."

Coontz to Succeed Benson in Highest Office in Navy

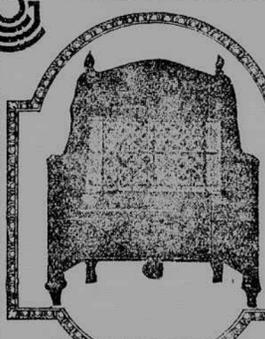
WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—Secretary Daniels late today announced the appointment of Rear Admiral Robert E. Coontz to be chief naval operations, the highest office in the navy. Rear Admiral Coontz, who will succeed Admiral William S. Benson upon the latter's retirement to-morrow, now is in command of a dreadnaught division of the Pacific fleet.

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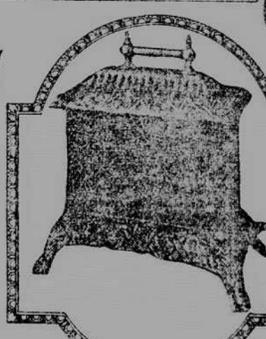
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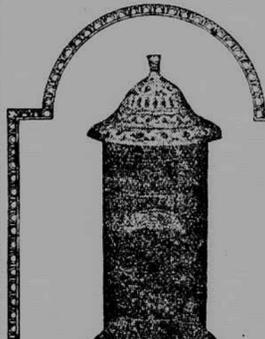
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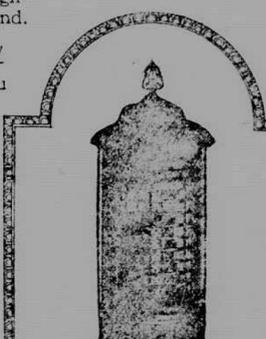
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